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YEAR - 1970

DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

List of Rural District Councillors as at 31st December, 1970.

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The Public Health Committee consists of the Council as a whole.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR THE DISTRICT

Part Time Medical Officer of Health

G. Nicholson, M.D., D.P.H., F.R.C.S.,

Public Health Inspector & Surveyor

Mr. R.J. Organ., A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I., A.I.P.H.E.,

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Clerk.

Mrs. M.R. Davenport.

Junior Clerk.

Mr. G.J. Atkins.

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TO THE

DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the health of the Dulverton Rural District during the year 1970.

The headings and the information contained in this report are as directed by Ministry of Health Circular 1/71.

STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area :	78,159 acres
Population	4,020 (1970 estimate)
Number of inhabited houses as per rate books	1524
Sum represented by a 1d rate:	£352

Social Conditions:- The vast majority of the inhabitants are engaged on agricultural pursuits and appear to be exceptionally healthy in consequence.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1970

		Males	Females	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	Total	14	18	32
	Legitimate	13	18	31
	Illegitimate	1	--	1
STILLBIRTHS	Total	-	-	-
	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	Total	14	18	32
	Legitimate	13	18	31
	Illegitimate	1	-	1
DEATHS OF INFANTS under 1 year of age	Total	-	-	-
	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Continued overleaf.

		Males	Females	Total
DEATHS OF INFANTS (Continued)				
under 4 weeks of age	Total	-	-	-
	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
under 1 week of age	Total	-	-	-
	Legitimate	-	-	-
	Illegitimate	-	-	-
DEATHS - ALL AGES		35	23	58

	LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA	ENGLAND AND WALES
LIVE BIRTH RATES ETC.		
Livebirths per 1,000 home population	8. 0	16. 0
Area comparability factor	1. 24	1. 00
Local adjusted rate	9. 9	16. 0
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	. 62	1. 00
Illegitimate live births as percentage of all live births	3	8
STILLBIRTH RATE		
Stillbirths per 1,000 total live and still births	-	13
INFANT MORTALITY RATES		
Deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births	-	18
Deaths of legitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 legitimate live births	-	17
Deaths of illegitimate infants under 1 year per 1,000 illegitimate live births	-	26
Neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 live births	-	12
Early neonatal mortality rate		
Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births		11
Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births		23
DEATHS RATES ETC. - ALL AGES		
Deaths per 1,000 home population	14 . 4	11. 7
Area comparability factor	.90	1. 00
Local adjusted rate	13 . 0	11 . 7
Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	1 .11	1..00

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

No particular disease was unduly prevalent during the year.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

	Total Cases Notified
Measles	3
Whooping Cough	11
Infective Jaundice	1

DEATHS FROM CANCER

During the year there were a total of 16 deaths due to cancer, as follows :-

Breast 2, Bronchus 5, Leukaemia 1, Others 8.

The following table gives details of the mortality from cancer which has taken place in the Dulverton Rural District during the past 17 years.

Gastric Cancer	23	Cancer of Bowel	12
Testis	1	Ovary	3
Bladder	6	Oesophagus	10
Breast	31	Pancreas	9
Uterus	6	Prostate	3
Rectum	5	Larynx	1
Bronchus	21	Valvae	1
Brain	1	Orbit	1
Rodent Ulcer of Scalp	1	Cervix	1
Leukaemia	5	Others	37

Total = 178.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

1). Home Nursing and Midwives

These services are provided by the Health Department of the County Council. Three District Nurses reside within the area and where required there is liasion with the Local Authority.

2). Home Helps

The Home Help service is operated and controlled by the Welfare Dept., of the Somerset County Council. A number of cases of elderly persons living alone are referred to the Home Help Organiser and in most cases assistance has been provided which has resulted in a general improvement in home conditions.

3). Infectious Diseases

Where required cases of infectious diseases are removed to isolation hospitals outside the area and the necessary enquiries and investigations are carried out by the Public Health Inspector.

4). Laboratories

Arrangements for the carrying out of Pathological and Bacteriological Examinations, Analysis of Foodstuffs etc. are made with the Somerset County Laboratory at County Hall, Taunton and with the Public Health Laboratory Service at Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

5). Ambulance Facilities

These facilities are provided by the Somerset County Council.

6). Hospitals

There are no hospitals of any description within the area. Hospital accommodation for cases of infectious diseases remains unchanged.

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7). Maternity and Nursing Homes

There are no maternity or nursing homes within the area of this Authority. Where necessary maternity cases are removed to Minehead, Tiverton or Taunton Hospitals. Cases of Maternal Mortality and pueporal Pyrexia are investigated by the County Authority. Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinics are held at Trumpington House, High Street, Dulverton each month.

8). Institutional Provisions for the Care of the Mental Defective

There are no such institutions within the area of this Authority.

9). Diptheria Immunisation and Vaccination

Diptheria Immunisations, poliomyelitis and smallpox vaccinations are carried out by general practitioners.

PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENT OF THE AREA

(i) Water Supply

The West Somerset Water Board are the Statutory Undertakers for most public supplies in the area of the Dulverton Rural District, the only exception being a small area at Oldways End in the parishes of Dulverton and Brushford supplied by the North Devon Water Board. A large number of outlying farms and houses are dependent on private water supplies.

Further information of supplies available and samples taken are contained in the Public Health Inspector's report.

The private supply serving the Village of Exton proved to be insufficient to meet all demandsat certain times and as a result of samples which were taken, consumers were advised to boil drinking water. I understand the West Somerset Water Board have now prepared a plan to extend the mains supply to this Village and it is hoped this work may be commenced during 1971.

(ii) Drainage and Sewerage

This subject id dealt with fully in the Public Health Inspector's section of this report.

(iii)Rivers and Stream Pollution

The pollution of rivers and streams is dealt with mainly by the Devon River Authority although a small part of the area around Huish Champflower is covered by the Somerset River Authority. I am not aware of any serious cases of pollution within the area.

(iv) Schools

The Somerset County Education Committee have now used a system of Comprehensive Education and this was applied to the Dulverton Rural District during 1970.

As a result of this new policy, coupled with general amalgamation, 3 former Primary schools, at Simonsbath, Withypool and Exton have now been closed but the buildings at Simonsbath and Withypool have sinced been used as Outdoor Field Study Centres and are occupied at certain periods by visiting school children.

All schools within the area are now provided with modern sanitation and piped water supplies and standards of hygiene are extremely satisfactory. All schools have kitchens on the premises or nearby where school meals are prepared and these premises are inspected from time to time to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

A number of schools within the area have their own Swimming Pools, mostly of the small teacher/training type. Each pool is provided with a filtration unit and careful watch of the quality of the water in these is kept by the County Health Authorities.

TUBERCULOSIS

No new cases of Tuberculosis were notified during 1970.

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My thanks are again due to Mr Organ and his staff for their assistance in compiling this report.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

GEORGE NICHOLSON.

Medical Officer of Health.

Council Offices,
Exmoor House,
DULVERTON
Somerset.

June, 1971.

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1970 IN THE DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT

CAUSE OF DEATH	Total All Ages	Under 4 Weeks	4 Weeks and under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS 1 - 4	5 -14	15 - 24	25 - 34	35 - 44	45 - 54	55 - 64	65 - 74	75 and over
OTHER INFECTIVE AND PARASITIC DISEASES	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, LUNG, BRONCHUS	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	1
MALIGNANT NEOPLASM, BREAST	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
LEUKAEMIA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
OTHER MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	2
CHRONIC RHEUMATIC HEART DISEASE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
HYPERTENSIVE DISEASE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
ISCHAEMIC HEART DISEASE	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	4
OTHER FORMS OF HEART DISEASE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
CEREBROVASCULAR DISEASE	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	5
OTHER DISEASES OF CIRCULATORY SYSTEM	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
PNEUMONIA	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3
BRONCHITIS AND EMPHYSEMA	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2
OTHER DISEASES OF RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
PEPITIC ULCER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
DISEASES OF MUSCULO-SKELETAL SYSTEM	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
ALL OTHER ACCIDENTS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
ALL OTHER EXTERNAL CAUSES	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	58	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	2	7	22	24

DULVERTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Public Health Inspector & Surveyor for the year 1970

PREFACE

Mr Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my Annual Report upon the work undertaken by the Public Health Department during 1970.

The statistics and reports in the pages which follow give some indication of the wide field of duties with which we are involved, the majority of which are however directly associated with the maintenance and improvement of Public Health and environmental conditions of the area.

Apart from dealing with routine matters, much of our time was spent on works associated with Capital Works schemes of Housing and Sewerage. Difficulties encountered with a Housing Contract following a Receiving Order being made against the Contractor involved much extra work of supervision spread over a period of some six months until the Contract had been completed. The additional administrative work now involved in obtaining approvals to Housing schemes also occupied a considerable amount of our time. The number of enquiries regarding Improvement Grants and Planning applications continues to grow year by year, not to mention the number of Government returns which we are required to complete.

As a result of pressure of other works it was not possible to devote as much time as I would have desired to the subject of Food Hygiene and to the general Housing conditions of the area to ascertain more accurately and precisely the total number of houses still lacking modern amenities. It is hoped that such works may again be possible in due course.

In conclusion, may I express my thanks to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Public Health and Housing Committees and all members of the Council for their help and consideration. I am indebted also to all Officers and staff of the Council and in particular to the staff of my own department for their valuable co-operation and assistance throughout the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Your obedient servant,

R. J. ORGAN.

Public Health Inspector
& Surveyor.

Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ended 31st December 1970

The total number of inspections and visits made during the year amounted to 1767 and the details below indicate the multifarious nature of these duties.

GENERAL SANITATION

Visits in connection with Water Supplies (main and private supplies)	137
Visits in connection with drainage of Private Buildings	59
Sewage Works	169
Moveable Dwellings (Caravans, Tents etc.)	33
Enforcement of Petroleum Regulations	22
Public Conveniences	38
Flood Prevention Works	15
Factories	21
Offices, Shops etc.	15
Refuse Collection and Disposal (including Litter Collection and control)	107
Rodent Control	11
General Nuisance and Complaints	38
Visits in Connection with removal of Abandoned Vehicles (Civic Amenities Act)	10
Licensed Premises	1
Miscellaneous Public Health Matters	48
New Constructional Works (Local Authority)	241
New Constructional Works (Enforcement of Building Regulations at Private Sites etc.)	266

HOUSING

Routine Inspections of Council Houses	91
Visits in connection with repair and maintenance of Council Houses	232
Investigation of Improvement Grant application etc.	39

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Total Meat Inspection Visits	157
Routine visits shops and other Establishments re: Enforcement of Food Hygiene Regulations	16
Miscellaneous Food Visits	1
Total =	1767

HOUSING

(a) Council Houses

At the beginning of the year work continued on the erection of a total of eleven dwellings at Pixton Way, Dulverton, the scheme having been commenced in June 1969. The rate of progress however deteriorated and a Receiving Order was made on the 6th April 1970. against the Contractor with the Contract only approximately two-thirds complete. The remainder of the works were however undertaken by other Contractors engaged by the Council and although considerable extra supervision was necessary the Bungalows were available for occupation in October 1970. by the original completion date.

Details of properties owned by the Council as at 31st December 1970 were as follows:-

Pre 1939 type houses	77
Post 1945 " "	100
Two bedroom Bungalows	78
Old Persons Bungalows with Warden service	12
Shop and Flat	1
Barnsclose Farm, Dulverton	1
Total =	269

The following schemes, all of which were originally contained in the 1970 programme, but not commenced, were approved by the Department of the Environment for inclusion in the Council's 1971 housing programme;

Pixton Way Phase 11, Stage 2	5 dwellings
Winsford - Ash Lane	4 dwellings
Bridgetown	3 dwellings

Six additional garages were erected at Pixton Way Dulverton during the year, the works being undertaken by Contract.

Further progress was made on the improvement of hot water installations at Post 1945 Council Houses and a further fifteen dwellings were dealt with during the period under review. It is anticipated that work on the remainder of the dwellings outstanding should be completed by early 1972. A total of sixty-nine Council Houses were provided with additional electrical power points and at thirty-four of these dwellings, the premises were completely re-wired. A further scheme covering another thirty-nine dwellings was prepared during the year and work was due to be commenced early in 1971.

(b) Private Housing and Action under Housing Acts.

Four private dwellings were erected during the year as compared with fifteen for the previous year. The figure for 1969 however included most of the dwellings on the private estate at Bath Meadow Drive, Dulverton. The figure for 1970 is nevertheless slightly below the average figure for the past 10 years. A further nine dwellings were in course of construction at the end of the year.

No formal action was taken in respect of unfit properties under the Housing Act 1957 and due to pressure of other works further survey work to ascertain housing conditions in the area was not possible. No new cases of overcrowding were reported or discovered during the year.

(c) Grants by Local Authorities to Private Owners.

Considerable publicity was given to the availability of Improvement Grants both by advertisements in the National Press and on Television, all such advertising being sponsored by the Government. The number of applications and houses dealt with by this Council during the year was as follows:-

	RECEIVED		APPROVED	
	Applications	No. of Dwellings	Applications	No. of Dwellings
Improvement Grants	14	14	10	10
Standard Grants	5	5	5	5
Special Grants				

WATER SUPPLY

(a) Public Supplies

Nine out of the eleven Villages within the district are provided with a public supply by the West Somerset Water Board. A few properties at Oldways End in the Parish of Brushford are served by the North Devon Water Board. Water for each supply is obtained from local spring sources, each with its own independent distribution system. The majority of these supplies now have small treatment plants attached and the quality of water supplied was generally satisfactory. In cases where samples did not conform to the rather high standard required then follow up samples were taken after corrective treatment had been applied.

The majority of samples taken by the department were analysed by the West Somerset Water Board, others were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory. Results of samples taken for bacteriological examination are as follows:-

SUPPLY	Total No. of samples	No. found satisfactory	No. found unsatisfactory
Dulverton and Brushford	20	20	-
Dulverton (Jury Road)	13	13	-
Brompton Regis	13	12	1
Huish Champflower	10	8	2
Bridgetown	13	11	2
Winsford	13	12	1
Skilgate	10	9	1
Exford	13	12	1
Withypool	18	11	7
	123	108	15

The total number of samples show a decrease of 6 over the previous year. Sampling is undertaken on a routine basis to ensure as far as possible sampling of each public supply at least once per month. In addition samples were taken for chemical examinations and a summary of the results obtained by the Public Analyst is set out in appendix 1 of this report. No complaints of shortages were received during the year from areas supplied by the Board.

Of the 1546 dwellings in the area approximately 861 are connected to a mains supply, details for each respective parish are as follows:-

PARISH	Total No. of properties	No. connected to mains supply.	Estimated population served by Mains Supply
Exmoor	71	-	-
Exford	146	79	300
Withypool	93	47	150
Winsford	120	60	210
Exton	69	11	40
Dulverton	571	451	1410
Brushford	168	125	390
Brompton Regis	143	38	110
Skilgate	39	19	55
Upton	53	-	-
Huish Champflower	73	31	100
	1546	861	2765

The main supply at Bridgetown which previously only served the Council houses and a few other properties was extended during the year by the West Somerset Water Board at the same time as a main sewer was laid in the Village and it is to be hoped that all the other properties will soon connect on to

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this mains supply to replace private supplies which in some cases are known to be inadequate either in quality or in quantity.

(b) Private Supplies

A number of properties throughout the district, mostly outlying farms, houses and cottages rely upon small private supplies, sometimes serving one property only. The source of such supplies is usually from springs or shallow wells. A total of 17 samples were collected during the year from private supplies and where necessary owners were advised as to remedial action necessary to improve the quality of these supplies.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The Caravan Club Site at the rear of Exmoor House, Dulverton, accommodating up to 50 Caravans continued in use under the supervision of the resident Warden. The site is occupied during the summer months only and the high standard of maintenance were found at all times throughout the season.

A site at Exford licensed under the Public Health Acts to accommodate a maximum of 30 tents and under the Caravan Sites Act for 4 Caravans was used extensively during the year but inspections revealed satisfactory standards being maintained. A site at Pinkery Farm Simonsbath was licensed during the year to accommodate 15 tents and this site is run in conjunction with the Outdoor Field Studies Centre run by the Somerset County Education Committee.

During the year licenses were granted under the Caravan Sites Act in respect of a site at Halse Farm Winsford, authorising a maximum of 12 Caravans and this site when in use was maintained to a satisfactory standard. A further site at Huish Champflower was licensed to accommodate a maximum of 6 Caravans but works required to comply with various conditions as imposed by the license were not undertaken and the site was not in use. A number of sites throughout the district were granted certificates of exemption by authorised organisations and inspections of such sites revealed that satisfactory standards were maintained.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

Sewerage systems are now provided by the Council to serve the villages of Brushford, Dulverton, Exford, Winsford and Bridgetown and brief details of these schemes are as follows:-

BRUSHFORD	Estimated total population of Parish	480
	Estimated No. of properties connected to system	100
	Estimated population served by system	320

A small sewage disposal works built in the mid 1930's serves the village of Brushford. The works consists of 2 settlement tanks, dosing siphon, percolating gravity filter, humus tanks and sludge beds. There is no reserve capacity on these works and any further major building project at Brushford would obviously require enlargement of the sewage disposal works. The pumps at the School End pumping station were replaced during the year and duplicate pumps now automatically controlled are installed instead of the single electric pump previously available. Minor improvements were carried out to the humus tanks at the suggestion of the Devon River Authority and as a result of careful and regular maintenance satisfactory effluent standards were obtained.

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DULVERTON	Estimated total population of Parish	1350
	Estimated No. of properties connected to system	330
	Estimated Population served by system	1100

The existing works built in approximately 1922 and modernised in the late 1930's continued in use during the year but further progress was made on the preparation of a scheme to replace these works and to make certain extensions to sewers in Dulverton. It is to be hoped this scheme will be available for submission to the various Authorities early in 1971. As a result again of improved standards of maintenance the effluent samples were generally reasonably satisfactory although on occasions these fell slightly below the Royal Commission Standard. Due to the dilution factor however no nuisance whatsoever is caused at the point of discharge and no evidence of river pollution could at any time be detected.

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EXFORD	Estimated total population of Parish	450
	Estimated No. of properties connected to system	51
	Estimated population served by system	190

The works, built about the same time, are almost identical in design to those at Brushford, and in this case serve the village of Exford. Here again there is no reserve capacity in the actual sewage works and flows into the works are rather aggravated at certain times by an influx of tourists and by surface water infiltration. Careful and regular maintenance however has caused effluent standards to be generally satisfactory.

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WINSFORD	Estimated total population of Parish	363
	Estimated No. of properties connected to system	54
	Estimated population served by system	196

This scheme provided in 1968 proved to be satisfactory in operation and satisfactory effluent samples were obtained.

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BRIDGETOWN	Estimated total population of Parish	248
	EstimatedNo. of properties connected to system as at 31/12/70	6
	Estimated population served by system as at 31/12/70	20

A sewerage scheme to serve the village of Bridgetown was provided during the year, work being commenced in April of 1970 and the plant being commissioned only in December of 1970, this factor accounting for the relatively low number of properties connected as at that date the sewage disposal plant which is located near the centre of the village consists of a Contact stabilisation unit and is the first of its kind to be installed by this Authority. This type of plant is particularly designed where the site has of necessity to be in relatively close proximity to dwellings. It is expected the plant will become fully operational during 1971.

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In addition to the principal works listed above the Council also maintain certain old systems at Oldways End and Brompton Regis further progress was made on the preparation of documents for a scheme to serve the village of Brompton Regis and these are expected to be available for submission to the various Authorities in 1971.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Regular collections were made from all but a few isolated premises, the frequency of collection varying from once weekly in Dulverton and the larger villages to once fortnightly in other areas. A Karrier Refuse vehicle continued to give satisfactory service .

All refuse after being sorted and incinerated at the depot at Dulverton was deposited at the tip at Oldways End which has now been in use for some 6 or 7 years. Daily sweeping of the streets of Dulverton was continued during the year and a contribution towards this service is made by the Somerset County Council.

The Exmoor National Park Committee make a contribution towards the cost of the provision and emptying of litter baskets which are provided at a number of sites throughout the district. This service is growing rapidly and whereas some ten or twelve years ago only approximately 10 litter baskets were in use within the area, the number now exceeds 70 and it is anticipated that additional use may well have to be made of private Contractors to deal with this problem in future years.

Informal action was taken in respect of a few abandoned vehicles under the Civic Amenities Act but such action secured removal of such vehicles without the need for formal action.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Work on the construction of Public Conveniences at Winsford was commenced in August 1970.on behalf of the Exmoor National Committee. The Conveniences were expected to be completed early in 1971. and maintenance would thereafter be undertaken by the Rural District Council.

With the addition of these facilities at Winsford, a total of 5 public toilets throughout the district are now maintained by the Council. Regular cleansing and maintenance is carried out and this is found to be particularly necessary particularly during the summer months.

A scheme for the provision of Public Conveniences at Withypool was prepared by the Exmoor National Parks Committee and this work is scheduled to be undertaken during 1971.

With the introduction of decimal currency scheduled for February 1971. the Council agreed to dispense with all coin operated locks as from that date.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the area.

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS AND FOOD PREMISES

(a) Food Hygiene (General) Regulations

The general standard of cleanliness of food premises throughout the district was generally satisfactory but informal action was necessary in one case to secure improvements in standards of hygiene.

The number of food premises in the district in their respective classifications is as follows:-

(a)	Grocers and General Stores	18
(b)	Butchers	2
(c)	Bakehouses	1
(d)	Cafes and Restaurants	4
(e)	Hotels and other Catering Establishments	12
(f)	School Kitchens	8
(g)	Confectioners	3
(h)	Youth Hostel	1
		49

(b) Schedule of Food Premises subject to Food Hygiene (General) Regulations.

(i)	Total No. of premises	49
(ii)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16	49
(iii)	No. of premises to which Reg.19 applies	40
(iv)	No. of premises fitted to comply with Reg.19	40

(c) Ice-Cream

No properties are registered for the manufacture of Ice-Cream.
25 premises are registered for the storage and sale of Ice-Cream.

(d) Meat and other Foods.

Two small private slaughter-houses at Dulverton continued in use during the year supplying meat to local shops. 100% meat inspections was achieved and the number of animals inspected and details of the amount of animals inspected and details of the amount of meat found unfit were as follows:-

	Bovines	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	163	2	294	9	NIL
Numbers inspected	163	2	294	9	NIL

Weight of Meat Condemned in lbs.

For:-

(a)	Tuberculosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b)	Cysticercosis	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c)	Other	218	6	8	NIL	NIL

Inspections were also made of various other foodstuffs when called upon to do so and the following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit:-

2 X 8½ lb tins Cooked Ham.

(e) Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing establishments within the district.

(f) Milk

(i)	No. of registered distributors (other than produce retailers)	4
(ii)	No. of registered dairy premises (other than dairy farms)	1

Routine sampling was undertaken by the County Authority from distributors throughout the district and the results of samples obtained were as follows:-

Pasteurised			Untreated.		
Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Void.	Sat.	Unsat.	Void.
11	1	-	31	7	3.

RODENT CONTROL.

Rodent Control works were combined with sewage works maintenance and the two man team carry out treatments and make the necessary inspections to fulfil the Local Authorities functions under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act. Revenue from Rodent Contracts during the year amounted to £670.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES.

The number of premises registered under the above Act as at 31st December 1970 was as follows:-

Premises.	No. Registered.	Persons employed.
Offices	4	31
Retail shops	19	60
Wholesale Depts.	1	9
Catering establishments	6	51
Fuel storage depots.	1	5
Totals	31	156

A total of 22 visits were made to registered establishments during the year and conditions were generally found to be satisfactory, only informal action being necessary in one or two cases.

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SOURCE:	DULVERTON AND BRUSHFORD	DULVERTON JURY ROAD	SKILGATE	INSFORD	WITHYPOOL	BRIDGETOWN	EXFORD	BROMPTON REGIS	HUISH CHAMP-FLOWER	N.D.W.BOARD OLDWAYS END
PHYSICAL CHARACTERS	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT	SLIGHTLY TURBID	CLEAR & BRIGHT	CLEAR & BRIGHT
REACTION	Very Slightly Acidic	Very Slightly Acidic	Slightly Acidic	Slightly Acidic	Acidic	Slightly Acidic	Slightly Acidic	Slightly Acidic	Very Slightly Acidic	Neutral
p.H.	6.6	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.55	6.3	6.0	6.35	6.85	7.0
Free Carbon Dioxide	8.0	11.0	17.0	21.0	21.0	11.0	6.0	13.0	10.0	4.0
Total Solids	65.0	125.0	70.0	40.0	40.0	75.0	40.0	100.0	125.0	65.0
Total Alkakinity	40.0	65.0	30.0	15.0	15.0	40.0	20.0	25.0	55.0	25.0
Total Hardness	25.0	30.0	50.0	15.0	15.0	55.0	25.0	45.0	75.0	45.0
Chloride (As C.1.	10.0	13.0	13.0	9.0	8.0	8.0	9.0	9.0	11.0	10.0
Amoniacal Nitrogen	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.030	0.002	0.006
Albuminoid	0.012	0.012	0.010	0.010	0.004	0.012	0.002	0.026	0.006	0.068
Nitrate	2.0	1.8	1.2	1.0	NIL	2.4	0.8	2.0	0.4	0.6
Nitrite	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	0.001	NIL	NIL
Oxygen Absorbed from Permanganate in 4 hrs. at 27° C.	0.25	0.10	0.15	0.05	NIL	0.05	0.05	0.25	0.05	0.4
Sediment	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Iron	NIL	NIL	NIL	TRACE	NIL	NIL	TRACE	0.4	NIL	NIL
Copper	NIL	NIL	TRACE	0.3	TRACE	0.6	0.5	NIL	NIL	NIL
Zinc	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	TRACE	NIL	NIL
Lead	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT,1961

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. - INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Number of Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	4	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	11	17	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	13	21	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-Work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	3	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT. - Outworkers (Seetions 133 and 134.

No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1)(c) .....NIL.